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Northern States Power Company, Minnesota

Docket Nos. EL17-44-000

NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF SECTION 206 PROCEEDING AND REFUND EFFECTIVE DATE

On February 3, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL17-44-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 USC 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether the Zone 16 Joint Pricing Zone Revenue Allocation Agreement of Northern States Power Company, Minnesota is unjust and unreasonable. *Northern States Power Company, Minnesota*, 158 FERC 61,143 (2017).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL17-44-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL17-44-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2016), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

DATED: February 3, 2017

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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